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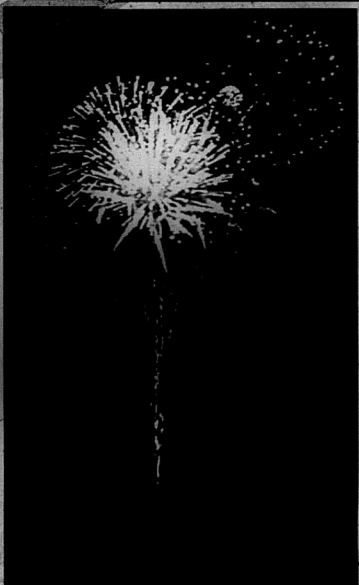
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**Parade to be held**  
A parade will be held on Saturday, July 10, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the main street of Belle Glade. The parade will feature a variety of floats, including a float from the local high school, a float from the local fire department, and a float from the local police department. The parade will be held in honor of the 4th of July.

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**HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE** came out to celebrate the 4th of July at the Pahokee Marina and Campground where they enjoyed the fireworks over Lake Okeechobee.

## Three seats open on Belle Glade City Commission

By Brenda Bunting  
Editor

Friday, July 30, is the first day to qualify for three seats open on the Belle Glade City Commission. Voters will go to the polls Sept. 14 to fill Seat C, currently held by J. Stephen Weeks, Seat E, currently held by D. Bill Mathis and Seat D, vacated by former commissioner Rodney "Clay" Connell. Mr. Connell resigned July 1 after serving since 1993. He said he had taken over management of a Badcock's Store in Vero Beach and he no longer had the time to attend city commission meetings. Commissioners serve for a term of two years and the last

day to qualify for a seat is August 13, 1999 at 5 p.m. Candidates must file in person with City Clerk Debra Buff. The clerk's office will also accept written applications on forms supplied by the city and such applications must be signed under oath. The election will be held at the Belle Glade Fire Station, 525 S.W. 2nd Street and the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for that particular office, a runoff election will be held September 21, between the two candidates who receive the largest number of votes for that particular seat.

## Graham, Mack, Gore announce Everglades Restoration Plan

Fifty-two years after environmental advocate and author Marjory Stoneman Douglas placed the "River of Grass" in the national consciousness, U.S. Senators Bob Graham and Connie Mack joined Vice President Gore and other state, federal, and Congressional leaders on July 1 as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers delivered to Congress its comprehensive plan. Also known as the Restudy, the plan is to repair the damage Florida Everglades and preserve it for future generations of Americans. The Everglades is the crown

jewel in our nation's environmental treasure chest," said Graham, who was Florida's governor from 1979 to 1986. "When we started the Save Our Everglades program in 1983, the hope of restoring the natural health of this precious ecosystem was a distant dream. After 16 years of bipartisan progress, we now stand on the brink of seeing that dream become reality." "In Florida we know a healthy environment is key to a strong economy and a good quality of life," said Mack. "Today we are taking a critical

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**BLOWING BUBBLES...** Terfera Davis of Belle Glade entertains her children-by blowing bubbles as they wait for the fireworks to start at the Pahokee Marina and Campground.

## FDOT, Corps going forward with Lake Okeechobee Trail

By Tracy Whirls

District secretaries for the Florida Department of Transportation, representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers, South Florida Water Management, and city and county officials from Okeechobee, Hendry, Glades, Palm Beach and Martin Counties all met last Wednesday at the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston to begin to finalize plans for the completion of the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail.

FDOT District 1 Secretary David Twiddy said the department of transportation has earmarked \$7 million of its own enhancement project funds for the construction of the trail, campsites, trailheads and related amenities. The estimated cost of the project, a multi-use recreational trail on top of the 115 mile Herbert Hoover Dike is \$25,975,000.

The goal of Wednesday's meeting of 20 separate organizations that were represented is to determine how the remaining funding can be secured. At Wednesday's meeting Pete Milam, chief of operations for the Corps of Engineers, in Clewiston, and representative for the district office in Jacksonville told the group that the Corps will design and build the trail, and will maintain the portion of the trail on the dike itself, once the money is raised to fund the project and the participants agree on final plans for the project.

Mr. Milam said the reason the Corps has offered to do the construction of the trail and ancillary services is that the Corps would have to review any construction plans, anyway, to insure that they didn't undermine the structural integrity of the dike.

"We were part of the development of the master plan and the dedication of the Herbert Hoover Dike. The project has gotten a lot of attention, and the organizations have done a great job getting the communities and counties out there involved. This is a project which could draw people into this area. I've been with the Corps 17 years, and thousands drive by the lake every day without ever seeing what a jewel it is," Mr. Milam said.

FDOT Secretary Twiddy said he is interested in the project, both because of the popular support, the fact that much of the trail is in his district and personal reasons.

"My family was raised in Clewiston. My grandfather was a dredge boat operator who helped dredge the dike. I grew up in Clewiston, spent a lot of summers there, and I just think it would be neat to be able to start in Clewiston and end up in Clewiston by walking on the trail. This is an international kind of project, and we want to gather all the energy and interest and go from there," Mr. Twiddy said.

The Florida Department of Transportation began work on the master plan for the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail in 1996, and plans for both the eastern and western side of the project were completed in 1998, but the project stalled when funding for the entire project wasn't forthcoming. The project has been re-energized recently following discussions with Governor Jeb Bush and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as well as the Florida Department of Transportation concerning using Florida Forever Funds to finance the construction, along with other state and federal grant programs.

A steering committee comprised of the various groups attending Wednesday's meeting will meet again Wednesday, July 14 at 10 a.m. at the Dolly Hand Center in Belle Glade to determine how to proceed in promoting public interest in the project, and dividing up tasks such as grant writing, obtaining resolutions of support from city and county government agencies around the lake, as well as interlocal agreements with those entities for maintenance of camp sites, and other issues.

The group has tentatively scheduled a meeting with Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary David Strubbs September 29 at the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston to give him and other state officials an opportunity to view the lake and the communities that border it.



**GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE...** Mrs. Mary Weeks, director of nursing for Glades General Hospital, gave blood during the Bloodmobile's Blood Drive on Thursday, July 1. Phlebotomist Penny Faria and the other staff members were busy Thursday as many people showed up to give blood.



### Continued from Page 1 Registration open for Football League

The City of Pahokee Recreation Department will hold registration for its Western Communities Football League on Saturday, July 3 and July 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City of Pahokee Community Recreation Complex. The registration fee is \$60.

On July 17, the WCFL will conduct the football camp. Participants will learn proper warm up techniques, stretching exercises, agility drills, and the fundamentals of blocking, tackling, catching, throwing and kicking. The staff for this camp will include area high school football coaches as well as WCFL coaches.

For more information call Ronald Osborne, recreation director at 924-2272.

### Business seminars to be offered

A series of free business seminars will be offered in the Glades by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners' Office of Small Business Assistance. The seminars are in recognition of National Small Business Week and the second seminar will be held Tuesday, July 27 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and is titled "How to do Business with Palm Beach County Government." This seminar will be held at Belle Glade City Hall, 110 SW Avenue E.

For more information contact the EDGE Center at 993-

3343.

### Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support

Families who are dealing with a loved one with Alzheimer's/Dementia can find support from the Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group. The meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Pahokee Civic Center.

For more information call Sandy Choate at 924-7283.

### Steak Night at Pahokee Elks Lodge

Members and guests are invited to enjoy steak night every Saturday evening at the Pahokee Elks Lodge. Reservations are requested. Call 924-7727 for more information.

### Openings for children at East Coast Migrant Head Start

Four of East Coast Migrant Head Start's centers have vacancies for children at their locations. The free program is for low-income children ages six weeks to five years. Also eligible for Head Start are children with disabilities. Applicants must meet family income guidelines.

East Coast Migrant Head Start runs from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and provides breakfast, lunch, and a snack.

Centers include the South Bay Center at 996-2939, the O'Brien Center at 996-1473, Early Head Start at 996-5453 and the Shannon Center at 996-2232.

### PEPPI Head Start accepting children

Belle Glade Family and Children Services, PEPPI Head Start Program is now accepting

applications for three and four year old children.

All children are welcome to attend, including children with disabilities. There are no fees.

The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade.

For more information, call Tammy Kyles or Barbara Green at 996-1718.

### Free transportation to senior center

The Division of Senior Services will be providing medical transportation from the Glades area to Royal Palm Beach, Wellington and West Palm Beach for those persons who are 60 and over.

Please call Effie McNair at the Senior Services Center, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or call 561-233-0400.

### Bereavement Support Group offered

Hospice of Palm Beach County is offering bereavement support for local residents. Anyone who is having a difficult time dealing with the death of an important person in their life, struggling with loneliness and a changing social role, is invited to attend.

For further information call 996-1285.

### Names left out

Several people worked behind the scenes to help make the opening of the Pahokee Medical Center a success recently. One who deserves recognition is Elsie Singletary, wife of City Commissioner Roy Singletary, who handled the arrangements for the grand opening ceremony.

Also working behind the scenes was Willie Lawrence, who was in charge of the cooking and many others who helped behind the scenes.

His wife, Sabrena Myrick and children Adrian, Courtney, Jessica, Irena, Gregory Jr. and Isaac Jr. congratulate him on his good showing.

The second seminar will be Tuesday, July 27 at Belle Glade City Hall, Commission Chamber, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The topic will be, "How to do Business with Palm Beach County Government," and will be presented by PBC Office of Small Business Assistance.

All seminars are co-sponsored by the EDGE Center, Inc., Palm Beach Community College - Glades Campus and the City of Belle Glade.

Setting is limited. Call June Howard at the EDGE Center to reserve a seat at (561) 993-3343.

the federal government and State of Florida. In April, Graham Mack, and U.S. Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) introduced legislation, the National Park Preservation Act - that would direct \$150 million a year to fund most of the federal government's annual share.

That legislation has won the support of the National Parks and Conservation Association, National Audubon Society, the National Wildlife Federation, and other conservation groups.



WELCOME ABOARD...Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts Dorothy H. Wilkins welcomes four new clerks to the Belle Glade Branch. Shown, from left are Sherry Thompson, Intern Student Jason Cunningham, Amy Folds and Ingrid Barger.

## Taming a hurricane: no ideas so far that actually work

By Mike Lyons

It was a newspaper headline that caught my eye. "Scientists say chemical sheen could hurt hurricane power."

The news story told of efforts by scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to "thwart the power of a hurricane before it hits land." The scientists are trying to develop a biodegradable chemical film to put on the ocean in the path of an oncoming hurricane.

The film would prevent heat and moisture in the ocean from interacting with the hurricane, thus weakening the storm. At least, that's the theory.

It's not the first time I've heard of efforts to try to weaken a hurricane. In fact, scientists have been coming up with all sorts of ideas for years.

"The classic is 'let's drop an H-bomb on a hurricane,'" said Dr. Hugh Willoughby, the director of the Hurricane Research Division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"And the problem is that if you drop an H-bomb on a hurricane, what you get is a radioactive hurricane," said Dr. Willoughby.

It's a crazy idea and Dr. Willoughby has heard them all. So has Dr. Robert Sheets, the former director of the National Hurricane Center.

After Hurricane Andrew devastated Florida in 1992, Dr. Sheets received dozens of letters from folks suggesting ways to save Florida from future hurricanes. The letters were full of imagination but had very little hard science.

"One guy suggested that we build a series of large fans along the East Coast of Florida," Dr. Sheets said. "When a hurricane was headed for Florida, all we would have to do is turn on these fans and the force of the wind would blow the hurricane out to sea."



Mike Lyons

Good intention. Lousy idea.

"It would be great to be able to do it, to make hurricanes go away and not have to look at all the damaged houses we had after Andrew," said Dr. Willoughby. "But nobody's ever been able to come up with anything."

Anything that would work is that. There are all sorts of ideas - from seeding clouds to dragging a huge chunk of ice from the north Atlantic to cool the tropical ocean - but no one has found an idea that actually worked.

A big part of the reason is the

unimaginable amount of power produced by a hurricane. It is truly the strongest storm on Earth.

"When people get to the point where they can wrestle with hurricanes, they are going to be able to fly to the stars," said Dr. Willoughby. "That's the type of energy we're talking about."

How much energy? When Hurricane Andrew hit South Florida, Dr. Willoughby took some calculations.

"I calculated the heat released from Andrew as it came on shore near the Turkey Point Power Plant," said Dr. Willoughby. "Basically, the heat released by the rain in Andrew is 9,000 Turkey Point Power Plants."

I can't imagine the amount of energy produced by one nuclear power plant, let alone 9,000. That's why attempts to weaken a hurricane, whether it's through biodegradable film or an H-bomb, is at the moment, just an interesting theory.

Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV.

## Myrick places in state bowling competition

Belle Glade resident Isaac Myrick placed in the Florida State Bowling Association League competition held June 27 in Daytona Beach.

He shot 618, 681 series and 711 series. This gave him a total of 2010 in the series and he also placed in the singles, doubles and team events.

## Large crowd attends free seminar

The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners' Office of Small Business Assistance hosted a successful business seminar on Thursday, June 24 at Palm Beach Community College-Glades Campus. The topic, titled, "How to Obtain Financing and Equity for Your Business," was well attended by Glades business owners and others interested in starting a business. The presentation was delivered by a forum of financial professionals including John Brown, executive director of The Business Loan Fund of Palm Beach,

Inc.; Lyn Douchett, marketing team leader, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA); Gary Goggans, assistant vice president, Bank of Belle Glade; Joseph Henderson, executive vice president, First Community Bank of Palm Beach County; John Howard, president, Black Business Investment Corporation; and Sandra Joice, director, National Development Council.

This was the first in a series of four free seminars to be sponsored by Palm Beach County Office of Small Business Assistance.

**RESTORATION** From Pg. 1 step toward leaving a strong environmental legacy to our children and grandchildren. I am pleased the State of Florida and the Administration share our commitment to Everglades protection and restoration. The Everglades is truly a national treasure, and together we can ensure it remains protected for generations to come."

Graham and Mack joined forces in 1995 to direct \$62 mil-

lion to Everglades restoration projects. A year later, they included \$200 million for Everglades land acquisition in the 1996 Farm Bill. They have worked closely together to ensure sufficient Everglades funding in the annual appropriations process.

If approved by Congress, the implementation of the Restudy is expected to cost approximately \$7.8 billion over the next 20 years, an amount that will be evenly divided between

### Pahokee's Rotarian of the Year

Rotarian Elizabeth Hernandez was named Pahokee's "Rotarian of the Year" by her peers at the June 30 Rotary meeting. She was commended for her overall service to the club, her fundraising efforts for the service organization and for promoting the Pahokee Rotary Club in the community. Ms. Hernandez said she was surprised and honored to receive the award.

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# ER Chronicles: Let's get it out of there!



Arlen R. Stauffer, M.D.

Sunday afternoon. The sun was bright, the breeze was cool, and the fishing was good. Ben and his two buddies had hoisted several nice whiting up onto the bridge this afternoon. Life was good. Ben stood at the bridge rail, rod in the ready position. Suddenly, a sharp pinch tugged at his right forearm. Then it pulled real hard.

"Wow! What the...?" Ben watched his arm being pulled behind his side. His head whipped around, and, in an instant, the problem was obvious. "Don't pull!" Ben yelled toward the man on the other side of the bridge. "Stop! You've got me!"

Ben reached with his other hand to grab the man's line and relieve some of the pull on the hook in his arm. Ben's own rod and reel fell into the river. "Oh! I'm sorry, man!" The gentlemen trotted across the bridge toward Ben.

Ben just stood there, not believing what had taken place. He was holding the fishing line that was attached to a large hook that was buried in his own arm, and one of his prize reel shad just disappeared with his \$250 rod into the river.

Maybe life was not so good after all.

The glint from the metal protruding from Ben's arm caught the attention of the ER triage nurse when Ben ambled in. He saw the nurse peering at the hook. He looked the nurse in the face, and nodded his head. "No jokes about the big fish someone caught, OK?" Ben smirked.

"Yes, I can see what your problem is," the nurse said calmly. "OK. Let's get your vital signs here, Ben."

There were several questions about Ben's overall health, and discussions about his allergy to an antibiotic and when he last had a tetanus shot.

Ben then had to wait in the waiting room for nearly an

hour. A football game was on the TV. He looked around the room: there were two men sleeping in their chairs, three kids playing with some coins in the corner, several people coughing, and a man with no shirt or shoes pacing back and forth in the hallway. His mumbling was not understandable.

"Sunday afternoons must be good for the hospital's business," Ben thought to himself. He has just resigned himself to waiting even longer when he heard his name called.

"Yes, I'm Ben. OK. I'll follow you."

He took a seat on the table in a small room. It was several more minutes before emergency physician Tammy Cortez hurried in.

"Hi, I'm Dr. Cortez."

Without speaking, Ben smiled sheepishly and held his hooked arm up toward Cortez.

"Oh. Let me see that." Then, unable to resist the moment's obviousness, she added, "What a huge catch!"

"OK, Doc, no jokes. How are we going to get this outta here? It's really buried."

"We have our little tricks, Ben," Cortez was carefully feeling the edges of the wound and the angle of the hook.

"You're not the first person to get a fish hook stuck in themselves. Lie back here on the stretcher. This one will come right out. You'll see."

Cortez checked the function of Ben's fingers, and tested the sensation in his hand, then she reached into a nearby drawer.

With a puzzled look on his face, Ben watched as Cortez looped what appeared to be a narrow cloth tape around the hook where it met the skin.

"What are you doing there, Doc?"

"You'll see." Her tone was confident and reassuring.

Cortez placed one finger on the eyelid-ring end of the exposed portion of the hook, then carefully held it down toward the skin surface. She adjusted the angle of the cloth tape to exactly line up with the hook's own line and in the direction opposite of the hook's point.

"OK. Let's get it out of

there!"

Before the words had finished coming from her mouth, Cortez had given the cloth tape a quick and precise jerk, directly in the line of the hook, away from the hook's eyelet end being held down by her finger. In that instant, the hook was dangling from the cloth tape.

"Wow!" Ben said as he realized the whole thing was over in a split second. He had hardly felt a thing.

Cortez was cleaning the puncture wound with an antiseptic solution.

"Not bad, huh, Ben?" Cortez smiled at him.

"I gotta learn how to do that, Doc. Thanks."

He sighed. Maybe life would be good again.

Although the skin provides protection against most dirt, bacteria, and various flying objects, some sharp materials can penetrate this barrier.

Fish hook punctures are common problems presented to emergency departments around the world. Many of

these hooks penetrate deep enough so as to prevent easy removal due to their barbs.

Each wound must be carefully evaluated. Within and beneath the skin lie many tissues and organs that are susceptible to injury by the penetrating foreign body. Depending on where the hook enters the body, it is possible to injure arteries, veins, nerves, tendons, bones, and joints. An eye can be devastated by a fish hook. Larger hooks can even injure the lungs and heart. Fortunately, most fish hook injuries are primarily to just the skin, and the hooks can be removed without any permanent or serious danger to the patient. Many methods of removal are employed, depending on the type of hook, its depth, and its location.

One removal method commonly used in emergency departments is the Cooke maneuver depicted above.

DR. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians.

## Sweet Vidalia onions surprisingly high in Vitamin C



Katrina Elsen, Contributing Editor

You've probably seen them advertised in the grocery stores: Sweet Vidalia onions are in season. Vidalia onions are grown only in certain parts of Georgia. They are available May through July and are guaranteed sweet by Georgia State Law, designating them as coming from the official "Vidalia onion country." Some Vidalia onions which are kept in controlled atmosphere storage may be available for sale until October.

The natural soil in this part of Georgia is said to be responsible for the sweet, delicate flavor of Vidalia onions.

Unlike other onions, Vidalias do not contain the enzyme pyruvate, which makes the eyes water. So Vidalias shouldn't make you cry.

They are sweet because they contain as much natural sugar as an orange.

They also contain a surprising amount of Vitamin C,

approximately 20 percent of the USDA recommended minimum daily requirement (USDA MDR).

One medium Vidalia onion contains about 60 calories, 1 g protein, 4 percent of the USDA MDR of calcium, and trace amounts of Vitamin A and iron.

A medium onion contains about 3 grams of dietary fiber, about 12 percent of the USDA MDR.

Onions offer other health benefits. According to research by Dr. John Milner of the Department of Nutrition at Penn State's College of Health and Human Development, those who regularly consume vegetables such as onions, garlic and leeks have a reduced risk of cancer. According to American Heart Association Research, onions can also help prevent thrombosis and reduce hypertension.

Onions should be stored in a cool, dry place. Be careful because they bruise easily. The same high water and sugar content that makes them so sweet also makes them easier to damage. One tip offered by the Vidalia Onion Committee is to use an old pair of pantyhose to store onions for hanging up.

Drop an onion in the toe, tie a knot, drop another onion in tie a knot, and so on. Hang them up in a cool, dry place. This will keep the onions separated.

Sweet onions can also be frozen. Peel, wash and, core onions and place them in a plastic bag for freezing.

Vidalia onions can be used to add a sweeter flavor to any recipe that calls for onions. Or try this recipe from the Vidalia Onion Committee in Vidalia, Ga.

### Grilled Sweet Vidalia Onion and Pepper Pasta

Ingredients:

- 2 Sweet Vidalia onions
- 2 red bell peppers, cored and seeded
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1/4 tablespoon crushed red pepper
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 3/4 cup whipping cream

1/2 cup dry spinach fettuccine

1/3 cup chopped fresh Italian parsley

Cut onions and peppers lengthwise into quarters; grill or roast until well charred. Place peppers in a paper bag until cooled, remove core, seeds and skin. Slice onions and peppers into strips; set aside. In large skillet, heat oil, sauté garlic and crushed red pepper until fragrant.

Stir in wine, chicken broth and cream. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer two to three minutes. Meanwhile, cook fettuccine according to package directions. Stir parsley, onions and peppers into sauce; toss with cooked, drained fettuccine. Makes four main dish servings.

Of course, if you are watching your fat intake, you'll probably want to leave out the whipping cream, or substitute something like parmesan cheese or even nonfat yogurt if you want to keep the creamy texture of the sauce.

Some information for this column came from the Vidalia Onion Committee.

## Palms West Hospital giving college scholarship to newborn

A college education is one of the most meaningful gifts a child can receive. Palms West Hospital has partnered with the Florida Prepaid College Program and purchased two four year university tuition plans.

To celebrate Your New Life Center's tenth anniversary, Palms West Hospital will donate one of the prepaid college plans to a child that was born at the hospital between August 1989 and December 31, 1998. This name will be drawn at random and the plan will be awarded during Your New Life Center's tenth birthday party in

September.

The other plan will be given to a child born at Palms West Hospital during the calendar year of 1999. This name will be drawn at random as well and the plan will be awarded to the winner in January 2000.

All babies born at Palms West Hospital are eligible and will be automatically entered into the drawing. There is no need to call and register for the drawing.

"Palms West Hospital believes in our youth and wants to demonstrate that level of belief," stated Alex Marceline, chief executive officer.

## ACR accreditation of Glades General Hospital's Mammography unit assures Glades women of quality mammograms



A PIECE OF CAKE...Carol Oleksy, AART Certified Mammographer for Glades General Hospital, helps a patient get just the right alignment for her mammogram. The Mammography Suite has been redesigned for patient comfort and the Siemens Mammomat 3000's "Opcom" was recently accredited by the American College of Radiology.

The Mammographic Imaging Services of Glades General Hospital were surveyed by the Committee on Mammography Accreditation, American College of Radiology and their Siemens Mammomat 3000 unit has been fully accredited.

"There can be no doubt with fully accredited, state-of-the-art equipment, AART (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists) certified mammographer and Board Certified Radiologists that the women of the Glades are in the best of hands at Glades General," says Terri Calsetta, marketing director for GGH.

The Mammomat 3000's "Opcom" guides the mammography tech in selecting the mammography breast compression for each individual breast. This minimizes the risk of applying too little compression - producing inferior images, or too much, resulting in unnecessary pain. Carol Oleksy, AART certified mammographer states, "This benefits our patients with minimal breast discomfort and better image quality for more accurate results."

Interim CEO James Seward Jr. says, "This newly created Mammography Suite was planned with patient comfort and privacy in mind. We are proud to offer state-of-the-art equipment and in a setting that puts our patients at ease."

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#### Blowing their horns

"Yes, I live in a residential neighborhood and these companies that have phones in their trucks that are attached to the horns need to do something about this. They blow anywhere from 15 to this last one was 71 times! These companies need to get their employees papers instead of having the phone hooked up to the horn. This is ridiculous!"

#### Please check this out

"I'm calling about a City of Belle Glade employee in public works who is driving without driver's licenses."

I understand there was an incident and his license was suspended. I guess the city isn't checking on this. I understand there are others who are also driving without valid driver's licenses."

I'd like to find out what's going on and what the new city manager in Belle Glade is doing about this. Is he shutting his eyes and steady-

ly giving these people raises? I figure if people don't have driver's licenses they shouldn't be driving for the city or they should be made to get them. These people continuing to be able to work keeps others from getting these jobs."

I don't think the new city manager is aware of this and I just want everyone to be know about this and hopefully, something will be done.

Thank you

Belle Glade City Manager W. Shelton Smith responds: "All new employees hired have their driver's license validity confirmed. Unfortunately, employees could have their driver's licenses suspended the next week and the City would not know it. However, employees who are caught driving without valid licenses are punished. Driver's licenses are checked periodically with the state in order to better insure that everyone has a valid driver's license."

### Letters to the Editor

#### Those who do so much deserve recognition

Dear Editor:

I don't live in Belle Glade, in fact, I only work here one or two days a week. But I sure appreciate those who do so much for the community. One person in particular who deserves high praise is George Burch. Besides running a thriving business (Lake Hardware, Mr. Burch finds time to help kids in need. He once again served as chairman of the Boy Scouts Fundraising Campaign, and raised over \$15,000 (The goal was only \$10,000) for scouting in Belle Glade. Assisting him were his son, Bryan Burch and son-in-law, Brian Boyd.

Year after year, Homer Hand, Steve Weeks and Fritz Stein make key contacts as well, and Chief Mike Miller and his staff help in so many ways. They are never too busy to make me feel welcome. This is the type of hospitality that always makes me want to come back to Belle Glade.

Finally, to all those who went beyond the call of duty - Dr. Joe Orsenigo, Mike Poza, Jeff Hawkins, Darryl Tripp, Lee Mikkell, Brent Woodham, Craig Pate, Curtis Thompson, Gary Goggans, Ed Rongione, Junior Smith, Dale Morris, Ronnie Graydon, Jeff Hooker, and Jim Herring - I say "thank you" on behalf of all those kids who are better off because of your efforts.

Hats off to the business leaders in Belle Glade!

Sincerely,

Robert G. Green  
Field Staff Director,  
Boy Scouts of America

#### Inmate warns others about new 10-20-life law

Dear Editor:

I felt the need to deliver this message to the young brothers around the Glades area. I am reminding you all that as of July 1, 1999, there's a new law going into effect and it's called 10-20-life. If you are caught with a gun in your possession you are going to get 10 years of time and if you injure or kill someone you are going to get 20 years of life.

Young brothers, before you pick up that gun and kill your brother, think about your freedom and the lives that you are about to ruin. The reason I'm writing this message to you is because I know first hand what it's like being in prison.

I'm serving a 20 year sentence here at Glades Correctional Institution. If this law had been in effect years ago there would have been a lot of people alive today, even the person that I'm accused of killing.

Young brother, don't throw your life away trying to prove that you've got enough heart to pull a trigger. There's so much of brothers killing brothers. My question is, will 10-20-life save the guns out of my young brother's hand? I truly hope so.

Thank you for your time and concern.

Sincerely,

Derry Brown  
Glades Correctional Institution

P.S. Please print this to encourage our young brothers to think before it's too late.

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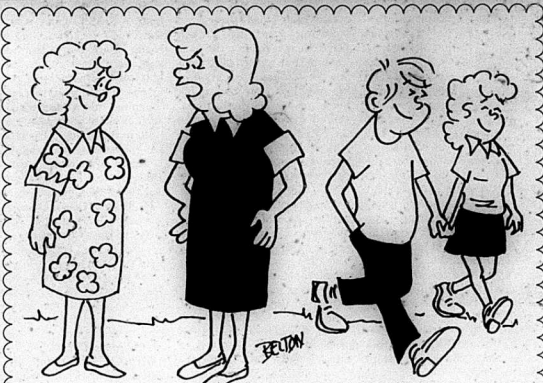
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I KNOW THAT HAS TO BE TOLD TO CHANGE  
HIS SHORTS EVERY DAY?"

### Guest Editor

## Florida's tobacco deal is unethical

By Randall G. Holcombe

The James Madison Institute

With Florida in the lead, state governments have reached a \$206 billion settlement with four U.S. major tobacco companies as compensation for the health-related costs states have borne as a result of tobacco-related illnesses.

There is much to dislike about the deal but just about everyone overlooks one factor. Florida is acting unethically by pressuring tobacco companies to pay the costs that the state voluntarily chose to bear.

The facts are clear. Americans have been using tobacco since colonial times and have been suffering health-related costs ever since. Beyond a doubt, smoking causes cancer, heart disease, and a host of other medical ills, and beyond a doubt (especially as medical technology and medical care costs have advanced), smoking exacts a monetary toll in the form of higher health care costs. Prior to the 1950s, most Americans had no health insurance, so they bore the costs of smoking-related health care themselves. Health insurance became more widespread in the 1950s and 1960s, but smoking still imposed no costs on the government.

All that changed when Medicaid was created in 1966 and the state of Florida voluntarily agreed to pay health care costs that formerly were the responsibility of the smokers themselves. Now Florida has demanded that tobacco companies pay the costs the state voluntarily chose to bear. If one party (the state) agrees to bear certain costs formerly borne by a second party (smokers), it is unethical for the first party to demand that a third party (the tobacco companies) pay for costs the first party originally volunteered to cover.

One might argue that the federal government created Medicaid, not the states, but all this would imply is that the states should seek redress from the federal government, to the tobacco companies. This argument also implies that the federal government would be acting unethically to try to collect from tobacco companies the costs it voluntarily chose to accept.

#### Freedom versus responsibility

In a free country, people are free to smoke if they so choose. Freedom must mean the freedom to make poor choices, indeed, the concept would be meaningless if citizens were only free to do what the government approved. The corollary of freedom is responsibility and if people are free to make poor choices, they should also bear the responsibility for the consequences of those choices. That is how things were before Florida began paying for smoking-related illnesses through Medicaid.

The tobacco companies are partly at fault, too. They were unwilling to fight for the principle that people are responsible for the consequences of their behavior. In the public's eye, this is tantamount to admitting that the companies were liable. Why else would they have settled? Some may argue that it was a good business decision. The tobacco companies may have gotten off cheaper this way than had they gone to court, and at any rate they saved money on lawyers' fees by settling. But the image they have created in the minds of citizens and future jurors by settling may come back to haunt them.

Consider that in early 1999, a California jury awarded a whopping \$35 million for the damage smoking did to her. Did she deserve this award? Since the tobacco companies already agreed to pay \$206 billion to the states, they admitted in principle that \$35 million was reasonable compensation for smokers. The tobacco companies brought this verdict on themselves for settling with the states instead of fighting.

#### Where is personal responsibility?

A bad precedent has been set. This year, a number of cities sued gun manufacturers for the costs imposed by criminals using guns. Of course gun manufacturers know that their products could be used to commit crimes. Just as auto companies know that their products could be used in robberies or even in vehicular homicides. Should Ford Motor Company be held liable if a bank robber uses a Ford as a getaway vehicle? Based on the precedent that manufacturers are liable for the harm done by the use of their products, it is too easy to imagine brewers sued for alcoholism and drunk drivers or baseball bat manufacturers sued if someone is bludgeoned with one of their products.

Similarly, if tobacco companies are held responsible for people whose health is impaired by smoking, should auto manufacturers be liable for drivers who injure themselves while speeding? The speeder's argument could be like the smoker's: "Chevrolet deliberately designed this Corvette to go well over twice the speed limit. Were it not for the dangerous design of the product, I never would have been able to reach such excessive speeds and have such a serious accident." When will this nonsense end?

#### Freedom is compromised

The tobacco companies hurt us all by settling and struck a blow against the ideals of individual freedom and responsibility upon which our nation was founded. The tobacco industry is guilty not of selling cigarettes, which after all consisted of voluntary transactions among consenting parties, but rather of abandoning principle when it looked like the easy way out. I have little sympathy for tobacco companies in this case, and resent the fact that they were willing to abandon principle in such a big way and to compromise everyone's freedom in the process. But I am not a smoker or a tobacco company stockholder. I will let the tobacco companies decide how best to run their businesses.

I am a taxpayer and a Florida citizen, so I have an interest in the way the state runs its business. While I am no defender of the tobacco companies, I believe it is unethical for the state to make them pay for costs the state voluntarily and unilaterally agreed to assume. Medicaid was implemented centuries after people started smoking and by adopting the program, Florida agreed to assume costs that formerly fell on individual smokers. It is unethical for Florida now to try to make tobacco companies pay for costs the state chose to accept.

Randall G. Holcombe is DeVos Moore professor of economics at Florida State University and chairman of The James Madison Institute Research Advisory Council.





**SITES, SOUNDS AND SENSES** is the theme for this year's ESOL class at Pioneer Park Elementary. Ms. Edna Stephens Fifth Grade class is shown above in front of the bubble they built. Mrs. Stevens is shown on the left and Teacher's Assistant Lutricia Brown is standing on the right.



**IN A BUBBLE**...Some of the kids in Ms. Edna Stevens' class at Pioneer Park Elementary School are shown in the bubble they built as part of a project called Site, Sound and Senses.



**ENJOYING THE FOURTH OF JULY**...These Pahokee residents came out to enjoy the Fourth of July fireworks on the dike this past Sunday. Shown in front, left to right are Hentoya and Henshae Parker. Standing in back, from left are Tawanna Campbell and Dynisha Warren.



**ENJOYING THE FOURTH**...These couples enjoy their children while waiting for the fireworks to start in Pahokee on Sunday night. Shown from left are Donato Varela holding his son, Juan Carlos, Ana Maria Varela and Adriana Carrillo. In front are Willy Contreras holding Giovanni, Mariana Contreras, and Maria Varela holding baby Ana Luna.

## CRIME STOPPERS



Eliazar Camacho

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Eliazar Camacho** who is wanted for failure to appear on two counts of aggravated stalking and contempt of court. Camacho is a white male, 5'6" tall, and weighs 150 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes and a scar on his right forearm. His date of birth is April 11, 1960. His last known address

was 1153 N.W. 11th Street, Belle Glade. His Social Security number is 265-23-3944 and his last occupation was as a mechanic. His warrant was active as of June 29, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Camacho, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if

## Arrest Blotters

*Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.*

### BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 601 complaints and gave 32 traffic citations the week of June 28-July 4.

Those arrested included:

**June 28 - James Brown, 28**, possession of a shopping cart; **Jose Ruiz, 40**, aggravated assault with domestic violence.

**June 29 - Veronica Mills, 22**, aggravated domestic battery with a deadly weapon, resisting arrest without violence, failure to appear on charges of retail theft and failure to appear on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia; **Martha Anderson, 52**, retail theft; **Rodney Wilkerson, 20**, retail theft; **Claude Brown, 39**, domestic battery; **Jose Flores, 56**, aggravated battery.

**June 30 - Laverne Smith, 49**, felony retail theft; **Juvenile, 16**, retail theft; **Darius King, 31**, failure to appear on charges of no driver's license; **Claymore Fields, 29**, warrant for possession of cocaine, violation of probation and failure to appear on charges of loitering and prowling; **Brenda Spooner, 45**, driving under the influence.

**July 1 - Juvenile, 13**, felony fleeing and eluding; **Juvenile, 11**; retail theft; **Antonio Wrancher, 28**, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

**July 2 - Lincoln Wallace, 31**, obstruction without violence; **Tameka Laidler, 19**, obstruction without violence.

**July 3 - No arrests made.**

**July 4 - No arrests made.**

### PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department made 16 arrests, handled 218 calls and issued 18 traffic citations the week of June 28-July 4.

Those arrested included:

**June 28 - John Williams, 62**, corrupting by threat, criminal mischief and violation of the open container law; **Monique Parker, 18**, aggravated assault.

**June 29 - Juvenile, 15**, principal in the first degree, burglary and grand theft; **Juvenile, 15**, burglary of an auto and grand theft; **Vitchell Newkirk, 33**, warrant for failure to comply with a court order; **Juvenile, 17**, battery and trespass.

**June 30 - Juvenile, 14**, domestic battery; **Juvenile, 12**, aggravated assault and criminal mischief; **Robert Brown, 31**, battery and trespassing; **Isaac Smith, 29**, petty theft and trespassing.

**July 1 - Earl Warner, 44**, burglary, grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

**July 2 - Jerome Powell, 49**, stalking and assault on a person 65 years of age or older.

**July 3 - Michael Johnson, 45**, domestic battery and aggravated assault.

**July 4 - Harvey Barr, 18**, battery on a pregnant female; **Carlethea Davis, 24**, aggravated assault; **Juvenile, 13**, attempted grand theft.

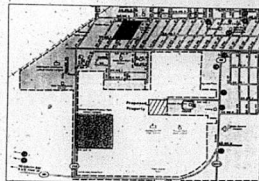
## Public Notice

The Belle Glade City Commission will consider adoption of a proposed municipal Ordinance, the title of which is as follows:

### Ordinance No. 98-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, ANNEXING A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY COMPRISING A TOTAL AREA OF 9.10 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "HOUSTON PROPERTY" AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, AND ZONING SAID PROPERTY R-1 (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY), FINDING THAT THE WRITTEN PETITION OF ANNEXATION BEARS THE SIGNATURES OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS, FINDING THAT THE PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED IS REASONABLY COMPACT AND THE ANNEXATION OF SAID PROPERTY WILL NOT CREATE AN ENCLAVE, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION OF THE CITY; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY ADDITIONAL STEPS TO EFFECTUATE ANNEXATION, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE A COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The complete legal description by metes and bounds and the Ordinance can be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk at the Belle Glade City Hall, Municipal Complex, Belle Glade, Florida. The proposed area to be annexed is identified in the map below, followed by a brief description of said property:



A parcel of land part lying in the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and part lying in the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, Florida, said parcel described as follows:

The east 600 feet of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Subject to an easement over the south 20 feet thereof, (ORB 5693 P93, Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida). And, subject to reservation in Deeds recorded in Deed Book 44, Page 75, and Deed Book 103, Page 83: All of the Public Records of Palm Beach County, Florida.

And Also:

The east 600 feet of the south 1,00 foot of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Said Ordinance will be considered for second and final reading at the meeting of the City Commission to be held in the City Hall, Municipal Complex, Belle Glade, Palm Beach County, Florida at 7:00 p.m., on the 15th day of July, 1999, or continuing from time to time and place to place as said meetings may be adjourned to hear the public.

All interested persons may appear at said meeting and any adjournment or adjournments thereof, and may be heard with respect to said proposed Ordinance.

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CITY OF BELLE GLADE  
DEBRA R. BUFF  
CITY CLERK

# Down on the farm: It's downright dangerous

Florida agriculture is dangerous, but bucking up and retrofitting older tractors with roll bars can go a long way toward making it safer.

That's the conclusion of safety experts at the University of Florida and the University of South Florida involved in a new study of deaths on Florida's farms and ranches over 10 years.

A total of 211 adults and 20 children died in Florida agriculture from 1989 to 1998, according to a study, the first ever conducted on deaths at farms and ranches across the state. At least 74 of the deaths among adults involved machinery, including tractors overturning and crushing their drivers, according to the study conducted by USF's Karen Liller for the Deep South Center for Agricultural Health and Safety.

Liller calls this a preliminary finding because she still is deciding how to categorize deaths in which tractors fell into water and the drivers drowned. Adding these drowning would increase deaths involving tractors and machinery.

For children, the top cause of death was falling off equipment or becoming entangled in it, accounting for five of the 20 deaths.

"It's tempting for a farmer to let his kids ride with him, but you never know when your son or daughter is going to slip and fall under the wheel of your tractor or get caught in your mower," said Carol Lehtola, agricultural safety specialist with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

"As for tractor overturns, equipment is available to protect against them, but many

older tractors aren't equipped with it," Lehtola said. The pieces of equipment that make tractors safer are seat belts and roll-over protective structures, or ROPS-metal structures that resemble roll bars in race cars.

"Tractor accidents occur at low speeds and people generally get killed and injured from tractors falling on them," Lehtola said. "ROPS provide a zone of safety and seat belts hold drivers in the zone. Together, they can prevent 99 percent of deaths from tractor overturns."

Manufacturers have voluntarily installed ROPS and seat belts since 1985, but farmers and ranchers still are using many tractors built before then.

"ROPS are built so they can be folded down to clear tight spots and farmers and ranchers sometimes leave them

down or don't buckle their seat belts," Lehtola said. "You never know when using the protection you have can save your life."

"Even though tractors can be retrofitted with ROPS and seat belts, many farmers and ranchers don't bother," Lehtola said. "There's a tendency to think that something is going to happen to the other guy."

In fact, agricultural land is rugged, with lots of ditches, gullies and depressions and tractors can tip over easily," she said.

Liller conducted the study using data from the Injury Prevention Program of the Florida Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. She's expanding her research by examining the causes of agricultural injuries. "It's important to do this work because we can't plan effective injury prevention

programs until we know how people are getting hurt and killed."

Liller and Lehtola are developing safety programs for the new agricultural safety center, which the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health created this year. The center serves Florida, Alabama and Mississippi.

The center's safety efforts include developing a state chapter of "Farm Safety 4 Just Kids," a national organization founded by an Iowa mother whose son was killed when he became trapped in a grain wagon.

In addition, UF's Cooperative Extension Service helps run farm safety day camps, co-sponsored by Progressive Farmer magazine. More than 1,200 children and their parents across the state have participated.

Lehtola also serves as a primary adviser for the North American Guidelines for Children's Agricultural Tasks Project, which this month published booklets that help parents match their sons' and daughters' abilities with requirements of agricultural jobs.

"Kids often aren't mature enough or coordinated enough to drive tractors, hitch equipment and care for livestock and the guidelines help parents understand what's reasonable," Lehtola said.

"A classic scene of American nostalgia is a farm child riding a tractor in an open field. The reality is he or she can fall off and get killed."

More information on agricultural safety is available at the Web site of the Florida AgSafe Network: <http://agen.uff.edu/~lehtola/agsaferef.htm>

## Palm Beach County hunter education course available

If you're not sure about Florida's hunting laws and would like to learn more about the legal aspects of hunting in the Sunshine State, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission's free Hunter Education course is for you.

In addition to laws, other subjects covered during the 16-hour course include survival, first-aid, wildlife identification and eight more subjects.

Students also attend a range outing where they will get "hands on" experience shooting rifles, shotguns, bows and muzzleloaders.

People of any age can attend, and families are encouraged to come and learn together.

Also, for anyone born on

or after June 1, 1975, this course is mandatory to be able to purchase a hunting license.

The next course in Palm Beach County will take place July 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Palm Beach Trap & Sheet located at 2950 Pierson Road in Wellington.

The range portion of the class will be on July 31 from 10 a.m. at Everglades Youth Conservation Camp located in the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area.

Attendance on all three days is mandatory in order to pass the course.

Pre-registration is required by calling the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission Office at (561) 625-5126.



NORMAN JENKINS, Assistant Warden of Programs at Glades Correctional Institution spoke at a recent Lions Club meeting.

## Florida drops three-day freshwater fishing license

Florida's 3-day nonresidential freshwater fishing license are no longer available as of July 1.

Instead, short-term anglers will need to buy a 7-day license.

Susan Weaver, head of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission's Licensing and Permitting Section, said the \$6.50, 3-day license seemed like a good idea at first. However, she said the 3-day license has been so popular with anglers who formerly bought 7-day license for \$16.50, it costs the state approximately \$500,000

a year in license sales revenue.

"We had hoped individual out-of-state anglers would buy several of the 3-day licenses during the year, and that would increase revenue," she said. "It didn't work out that way."

The Florida Legislature will review all hunting and fishing license fees and exemptions for possible action next session. During its review, the legislature may consider a replacement for the 3-day license at a price less damaging to state revenues.

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# NASCAR this week

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### 1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Dale Jarrett, 2,674	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 2,609	Jack Sprague, 2,025
2. Bobby Labonte, 2,497	Jeff Green, 2,374	Greg Biffle, 1,929
3. Mark Martin, 2,440	Jeff Green, 2,374	Stacy Compton, 1,921
4. Jeff Burton, 2,419	Todd Bodine, 2,193	Ron Hornaday, 1,906
5. Jeff Gordon, 2,271	Elliott Sauter, 2,151	Andy Houston, 1,842
6. Tony Stewart, 2,261	Mike Wallace, 2,050	Mike Wallace, 1,815
7. Dale Earnhardt, 2,182	Jeff Purvis, 2,018	Dennis Setser, 1,810
8. Rusty Wallace, 2,053	Dave Blaney, 1,932	Jay Sauter, 1,798
9. Ward Burton, 2,023	Cassidy Wood, 1,865	Kevin Harvick, 1,695
10. Jeremy Mayfield, 2,015		Mike Bliss, 1,670

### TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

1. (2) Dale Jarrett	Incredible consistency
2. (1) Jeff Gordon	Off week he could ill afford
3. (3) Bobby Labonte	Can't gain ground
4. (5) Jeff Burton	Impressive charge
5. (4) Mark Martin	Can't race where he lives
6. (6) Tony Stewart	And sixth in the race
7. (8) Dale Earnhardt	Two twos at Daytona
8. (7) Rusty Wallace	Doublecrossed by Dale
9. (9) Ward Burton	Knocking, but can't come in
10. (—) Mike Skinner	Two fours at Daytona

### 1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

July 11	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
July 25	Pocono Raceway	Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 7	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Speedway, Ind.
Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 22	Michigan Speedway	Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 28	Bristol Motor Speedway	Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 5	Darlington Raceway	Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 11	Richmond International Raceway	Richmond, Va.
Sept. 19	New Hampshire International Speedway	Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 26	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Oct. 3	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 10	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 17	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 24	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 7	Phoenix International Raceway	Phoenix, Ariz.
Nov. 14	Miami-Dade Homestead Motor Sports Complex	Homestead, Fla.
Nov. 21	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.

### FROM LAST WEEK

#### WINSTON CUP SERIES

Dale Jarrett increased his point lead to 177 with his third victory of the season and tied career win at Daytona. He held off Dale Earnhardt and was helped by a late caution flag under which the race ended.

#### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Eighteen-year-old Kyle Atwood became the series' youngest winner ever, passing Jeff Green on the final lap to take the DieHard 250 on the Milwaukee Mile. Atwood also won the pole.

#### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Greg Biffle, winner a year ago, took his third victory of the season in the DieHard 200 at Milwaukee. Ford driver Biffle pulled away from Jack Sprague's Chevrolet in the waning laps.

### FEUD OF THE WEEK

#### Rusty Wallace vs. Dale Earnhardt

Wallace led nearly half the laps at Daytona, but when he counted on Earnhardt to draft with him near the end, Earnhardt left him high and dry and Wallace finished 11th. "I couldn't believe it," said Wallace. "I thought of all guys, he'd help me." Earnhardt wound up second. His take? A man's got to do what a man's got to do.

NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "It's everybody for himself when the race is on the line. Earnhardt has never been inclined to look out for anyone but himself, and that's one of the reasons he's won so many races. He isn't inclined to help his own teammate, Mike Skinner, so why should Wallace be any different?"

### AROUND THE GARAGE

## Political presence appears among NASCAR

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

#### DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.

All the Winston Cup teams gathered this week at the sport's titular capital for an Independence Weekend celebration of speed, but one NASCAR operative was hobnobbing with no less a political presence than the Rev. Jesse Jackson. In Washington, D.C., Brian France was making a presentation to the Rainbow Coalition while the stock-car racers were preparing to qualify at

Daytona International Speedway. Brian France is the grandson of NASCAR's founder.

#### HAVING A LITTLE FUN

Tony Stewart went to the dirt track again last Wednesday night, and this time he brought along some friends.

Stewart, Ken Schrader and Busch Grand National regular Dave Blaney raced late model stock cars at the Action Track in Terre Haute, Ind. The three NASCAR drivers, all former open-wheel stars, were

paired in the same heat event.

All three qualified for the feature, and Stewart won it.

Stewart's next dirt-track event is scheduled for the weekend of the next Cup open date, which falls on July 17-18. He will race at a track in Brownstown, Ind.

RUDD LOOKING: Tide, Ricky Rudd's longtime sponsor, will apparently move to a new team being formed by California businessman Cal Wells.

### WINSTON CUP SERIES

**Coming up:** Jiffy Lube 300  
**Where:** New Hampshire International Speedway, Loudon (1.058-mile track), 300 laps/317.4 miles  
**When:** Sunday, July 11  
**Defending champion:** Jeff Burton  
**Qualifying record:** Ken Schrader, Chevrolet, 129.423

mph, July 11, 1997

**Race record:** Jeff Burton, Ford, 117.134 mph, July 13, 1997

**Notable:** Jeff Gordon has won at this track three times, one more than Burton. ... Fords have three of the last five N.H. races, Chevys two of the last three.

### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

**Coming up:** Federated Auto Parts 250  
**Where:** Nashville (Tenn.) Speedway USA (.596-mile track), 250 laps/149 miles  
**When:** Saturday, July 10  
**Defending champion:** Jimmy Hensley  
**Qualifying record:** Mike Bliss, Ford, 110.981 mph,

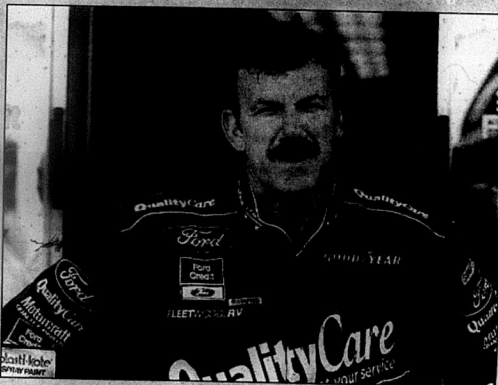
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**Race record:** Jack Sprague, Chevrolet, 79.226 mph, Aug. 16, 1997

**Notable:** The previous three races have seen one victory apiece for Ford (Dave Rezendes), Chevrolet (Sprague) and Dodge (Hensley). ... Bliss has been the fastest qualifier the last two years.

### PROFILE

## Dale Jarrett



Dale Jarrett is on pace to win the first Winston Cup points title of his career.

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Once again, Dale Jarrett is a prime contender for the Winston Cup, but for the first time, Jarrett may be the front-runner this year.

Jarrett's father, Ned, won NASCAR titles in 1961 and 1965.

Jarrett has won Winston Cup races for three different teams: the Wood Brothers, Joe Gibbs and now Robert Yates. He also is one of seven drivers to have won the Daytona 500 more than once.

**AGE:** 42

**HOMETOWN:** Born in Newton, N.C.; lives in Hickory, N.C.

**WIFE:** Kelley

**CHILDREN:** Jason (22), Natalie (11), Karsyn (9), Zachary (4)

**CAR:** No. 88 Quality Care/Ford Credit Ford Taurus, owned by Robert Yates.

**RECORD:** 372 starts, 21 wins, 7 poles, 103 top-five finishes, 153 top-10s, more than \$17.5 million in career earnings

**FIRSTS:** Start (April 29, 1984, at Martinsville), pole (Feb. 11, 1995, at Daytona), win (Aug. 18, 1991, at Michigan)

**HOW DO YOU CONDITION YOURSELF FOR HOT SUMMERTIME RACES?** I don't know

about anybody else, but I sit in a sauna. You can't race around or sit around in air conditioning all week and expect to be good on Sunday if you know it's gonna be hot. Even if it's 75 degrees, it's still going to be 130-something in the car. You always know it's going to be hot.

**DOES YOUR TEAM EVER SACRIFICE HORSEPOWER TO GET BETTER MILEAGE?**

"I can't imagine anybody goes into a race thinking like that. There are things that we could do that would improve our fuel mileage quite a bit, but it would also slow our lap times down quite a bit. That's not a very good trade-off from my perspective. Let me race and then, if it comes down to that, tell me I've got to save some fuel later on. I think if you go in thinking that, then you're going to be in trouble."

**HOW ABOUT RACING FOR POINTS? IS THAT A MYTH TOO?** It's about the same thing.

Everybody asks what you do different while you're leading the points, and you just go in to try and win every race. There is no difference. I haven't ever had the luxury of getting down to the end of the season and having to worry about that. We've always been trying to win the last couple of races to have that opportunity, so it's kind of the same thing. You've got to race hard and then adjust to the circumstances."

## Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

**Dear NASCAR This Week,**  
How did Jeff Gordon choose his number 24 for his Winston (Cup) car? I have a NASCAR Mercury Cyclone diecast with the name Cecil Gordon (No. 24) on it. Any relation? Any chance this is where Jeff came up with his (No.) 24?

James Fetterman  
Bradford, Pa.

NASCAR assigns the numbers, although the governing body will work with teams on availability. Gordon's number is more related to the fact that Hendrick Motorsports already had the No. 25 in its fleet. Jeff Gordon and Cecil Gordon are not related, and the fact that both used the same number is a coincidence.

**Dear NASCAR This Week,**  
Why do racetracks not have a non-alcohol seating section for fans who do not want to smell that mess? That's why I quit going to races.

Dave Blackburn  
Newton, N.C.

Many of them do.

**Dear NASCAR This Week,**  
Correct me if I'm wrong, but wasn't Terry Labonte driving an Oldsmobile Cutlass when he won the Winston Cup points championship in 1984?

Frank Bryant  
Stoney Creek, N.C.

During part of his tenure in the Billy Hagan, Piedmont Airlines-sponsored car, Labonte drove an Olds, but when he won the championship, he was driving a Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

## Who's Hot... Who's Not

■ **HOT:** Dale Jarrett has finished in the top 10 15 times in 17 races.

■ **NOT:** Ricky Rudd's 13th-place finish was his best of the season.

### CREW OF THE WEEK

The tension could not have been greater. It was the last pit stop in the Pepsi 400, and Todd Parrott needed to get Dale Jarrett out in first place with enough fuel to make it to the finish. The Ford Quality Care team succeeded on both counts, and Jarrett managed to hold off Dale Earnhardt to win his third race of the season. Jarrett ran out of gas on the cool-down lap.

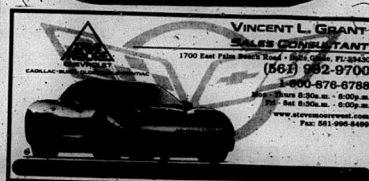
### FROM THE ARCHIVES

■ Winston Cup driver Bobby Hamilton grew up working on race cars driven as a hobby, by the late country-music star Marty Robbins. "He taught me how to play the guitar and gave me my first guitar," recalls Hamilton. As a boy, Hamilton cultivated a friendship with Robbins and the singer's son Rodney and occasionally spent weekends at the Robbins home.

### Trackside Trivia

1. Name the Busch Grand National regular, who will drive a Winston Cup Pontiac next year for car owner Bill Davis.
2. What drivers finished 1-2 in the Firecracker 400 three years in a row?
3. Who is NASCAR's national commissioner?

Petty (1972-73), C. Charles Strang.  
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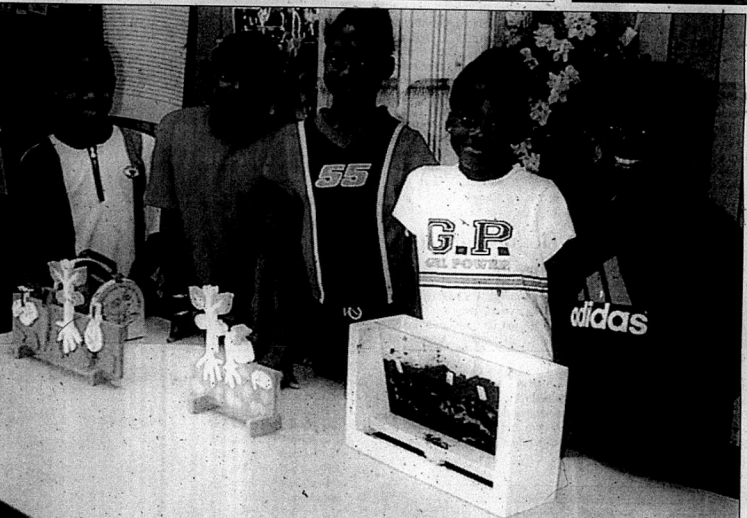




**BRINGING TOGETHER BUSINESS OWNERS...** Several Pahokee and Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce members attended a joint mixer held at Boonie's Restaurant in Loxahatchee.



**YOU SING, I'LL PLAY...** Children at the Pahokee Recreation Department's summer camp enjoy a day of playing the piano and singing during the many activities offered at the department.



**LOOK WHAT WE DID...** The Children at the Pahokee Recreation Department spent their morning planting vegetable seeds and will watch them grow during the summer. Instructors showed models of how the vegetables will grow and what they will look like when full grown.

## This summer, read to succeed

Even during the summer months, Vernon Winfrey saw to it that his teenage daughter, already an avid reader, read a book and wrote a book report each week.

Many books and reports later, Oprah Winfrey began her broadcasting career at a Nashville radio station.

Today, Oprah Winfrey, talk show host, philanthropist, entertainment executive, still spends her spare time reading.

Many children are also reading in their spare time, even choosing to exercise their reading skills through the summer.

But for many of us, when we hear the word "summer" the next word that comes to mind is "vacation."

Summer is a time for long days at the beach or pool, picnics in the

park and staying up late. But kids who close their books along with the school doors can forget much of what they learned during the year. Children, especially those struggling in school, can't afford to take a vacation from reading.

Reading is a skill that must be taught, supported and sustained. Supporting children's reading activities, even simply reading daily with a child, requires substantial commitment from parents.

This is particularly true during the summer when hard-won skills can be quickly erased.

Even without the structure of the school day, there are still lessons to learn. Summer is the perfect time to capitalize on children's natural curiosity and engage them in

kinda. Kids can use the break from school to explore their interest through books and computers. But it shouldn't be a self-guided expedition. Involvement from parents or other caring adults is critical to success. Adults can offer stimulating experiences to children who want to read and learn. Whether it's weekly outings to the library, museum or bookstore adults who pay attention to children's interests can make a difference.

When outings aren't possible, make virtual trips with a computer.

Many public libraries, Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Neighborhood Networks or community centers are wired to the Internet. Adults and children can travel together on the information superhighway.

Sometimes of course, ideal levels of parent involvement aren't possible. The kids may be out of school, but work for moms and dads continues.

That's why the U.S. Department of Education's America Reads Challenge has asked youth and community organizations, retired citizens and other caring adults to join with teachers and parents to keep all children reading this summer.

If you know a child whose parents cannot read this summer, offer to assist.

Every adult can help a child become a better reader. Start now and take advantage of all the summer has to offer: sunny days, outdoor play and plenty of time for the children in your life to read, explore, learn and grow.



**PAHOKEE CHAMBER MEMBERS** JoAnn and Ken Law attended the joint mixer in support of their local chamber. Besides being very active in the city, Mr. Law is Vice President of the Pahokee Chamber. The mixer was held at Boonie's Restaurant in Loxahatchee on Thursday, June 24. The Pahokee West Chamber brought together the business owners for a night of fun and networking.

## Hamiltons return to the Glades

Southern Gospel music at its best. The Hamiltons will be back at Miracle Temple for a Gospel Sing on Saturday, July 10 at 7 p.m.

The Hamiltons performed at the temple in October and were

so well liked, they were invited back.

The public is invited to come and enjoy the performance.

Miracle Temple is located at 104 SW 16th Street (SR 715), Belle Glade.

### YOU WILL BE MISSED...

A retirement party was held Wednesday, June 30 for Ann Thigpen. Mrs. Thigpen served as Bookkeeper for South Florida Conservancy District, Pahokee Water Control District, East Shore Water Control District, Pelican Lake Water Control District and East Beach Water Control District from December 1, 1960 until her retirement. The Districts' Boards passed and adopted a resolution as a token of recognition and appreciation of Mrs. Thigpen for her years of service.

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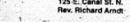
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# Obituaries: Week of July 8, 1999

John C. Hutton Sr., 70, died Tuesday, June 29 at Madison County General Hospital in Madison, Tennessee.

He was a farmer and a member of the County Line Baptist Church. He was a graduate of the University of Florida and a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Lois Crippen Hutton.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce D. Hutton; three sons John Hutton Jr., and Bruce Hutton, both of Wellington, James Hutton of Kalamazoo, Michigan; and one daughter Theresa Lynn Marin of West Palm Beach, stepson Michael R. Hill and step daughter Melani Hill of Walnut, MS. He is also survived by a brother Lester Hutton of Pahokee and two sisters Louise Zaccagnino of Palm Beach and Dorothy Buckner of Port Salerno.

Services were held at the County Line Baptist Church in Walnut, MS with Pastor Eddie Bumpers officiating. Arrangements were made by McBride Funeral Home in Ripley, MS.

Kenneth T. (Ken) Edens Sr., 68 of Natchitoches, Louisiana died Saturday, July 3 at the Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

Mr. Edens was a native of Belle Glade. He retired from Edens Construction Company in South Bay in 1996. He worked many years at Cane River Supply in Natchitoches and he farmed. He was a member of the Trinity Baptist in Natchitoches.

Survivors include his wife, Janice L. Edens of Natchitoches; one son, Kenneth T. (Tom) Edens Jr. of Natchitoches; one daughter, Karen Sue Potter of Glendale, Arizona; one brother, Robert L. Edens of Wellington; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 7 in the Blanchard-St. Denis F.H. Chapel in Natchitoches, with the Reverend Wayne Morrow officiating.

Arrangements were made by Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home in Natchitoches.

## Canal Point church receives money for restoration

The Chastain Foundation has given \$25,000 to the Canal Point Baptist Church for restoration work on its historic sanctuary.

Tom Chastain, son of R.L. "Sam" Chastain, said the foundation offered the gift because of the family's desire to help preserve the building for history.

The Chastain family was among the founding mem-

bers of the church when it was organized in 1935.

The family continued to be involved throughout the years, as land was bought for the sanctuary in 1937 and construction began in 1938.

The first service took place in the partially completed building in 1939.

The building was completed and dedicated in 1942.

## Delta Sigma Theta Sorority awards \$4,000 in scholarships through Jabberwock contest

Glades Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., awarded \$4,000 in scholarships to eight 1999 graduates from monies raised through their 1999 Jabberwock Contest.

President Mary L. Rainey, scholarship chairperson Lucille B. Fletcher and Jabberwock chairperson Dorothy T. Rhodes along with the committee members: Sorors Janice Bain, Gloria Boldin, Irene Clay, Myrtle Coulon, Joan Finney, Rachae Glover, Annie Hill, Catherine Horace, La'Trece Hubbard, Cocha Jackson, Tina Jefferson, Lois Lewis, Betty Page, Mercedes Robinson, Ruby Rutledge, Lavoise Smith, Yolanda Smith, Dorothy Veneren and the members of Glades

Alumnae Chapter would like to thank the contestants, parents of the contestants and the community for their donations and support.

The scholarships awardees were Reson Konchellah and Shaquon Smith who received \$1,000 each. Brentoya Mayes and LaShundra Wilson received \$500 each and Kanoshia Anderson, Natasia Kelly, LaKasha Posey and Yalanda Ratcliff received \$250 each.

Jabberwock contest winners were: Miss Jabberwock 1999, Shamaron Wilson, runner-up Darriell Summersett, 2nd runner-up Kayandra Young, 3rd runner-up Ricarla Adams and 4th place went to Alexis Boldin.

## Allen named to Dean's List at Lee University

Courtney B. Allen, of Belle Glade, was among 675 Lee University students named to the Dean's List with honors for the spring semester.

Students achieving GPAs between 3.7 and 4.0 were placed on this distinguished list. Courtney is the daughter of Roseco and Brenda Braddock.

Lee University is a comprehensive four-year liberal arts university located in Cleveland, Tenn., about 25 miles north of Chattanooga.

Founded in 1918, the accredited Christian university has an enrollment of more than 3,000 and offers degrees in more than 30 majors and 77 areas of study, as well as four graduate programs.

## Culler & Everett hear Wedding Bells

Patrice Culler and Phillip Everett Jr. will be united in holy matrimony on Saturday, July 10, 1999 at Glorious Community Holiness Church.

The wedding will be a double ring ceremony officiated by Elder Robert Troop.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hercules Culler Sr. and a 1988 graduate of Glades Central Community High School.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Erma Brown and Mr. Phillip Everett Sr. and a 1993 graduate of Glades Central Community High School.



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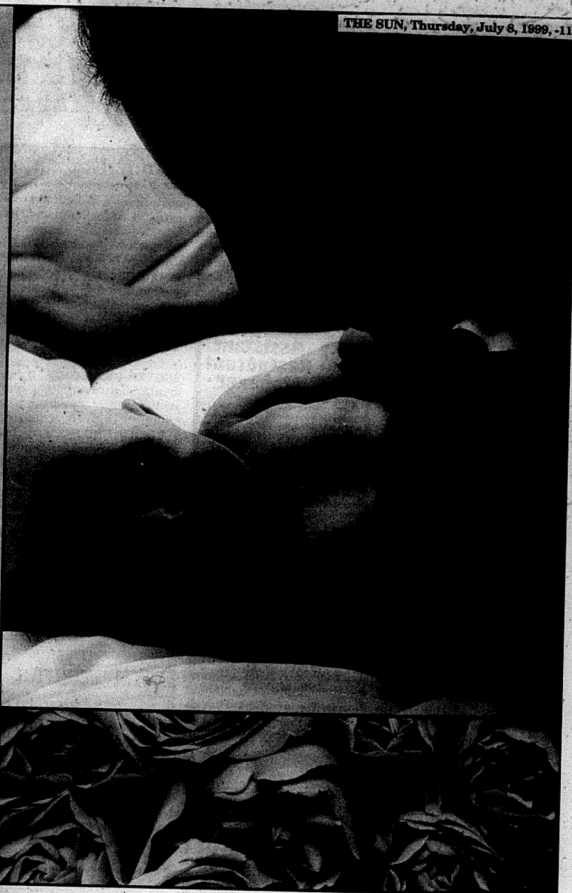
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